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A Golden Jubilee

THE changes which Mr Hugh Gaitskell has made in his "shadow cabinet" are not profoundly significant, but a tinge of added interest is given by reason of the fact they have been announced the same week as the Parliamentary Labour Party celebrates its golden jubilee.

In 1906 Socialist representation in the House of Commons did not even entitle it to the label of Opposition. Nevertheless, Kehr Hardie was able to lead 29 Labour MPs into the House and the Parliamentary Labour Party was born. The event also saw the beginning of the process of replacing the Liberal Party in the Commons by the Labour Party, which in turn, started the infusion of a strong element of Liberal ideas into the Conservative Party.

The fortunes of the Labour Party have varied greatly over half century. In the first election of 1910 there were 40 MPs, in the second 42. With two and a quarter million votes at the end of World War I, it had 67 seats. The 1922 election brought 142 Socialists MPs to the House and found the Labour Party for the first time the official Opposition in Parliament. The first Labour government was formed in 1924; it lasted a year. The Party first obtained working majority in 1929, and two years later was virtually wiped out when only 46 MPs were returned. Four years later the Party's fortunes turned again and 152 Members won seats. In 1945 it swept the country and remained in power until 1951.

RADICAL reform, quite naturally, has been the main platform of the Party since its foundation, yet in times of national stress it has found itself capable of sinking political differences and working in harmony with other parties in the interests of the country. The Party's share in the wartime government represents one of the more notable phases in the history of British Socialism.

Socialists, with some justification, will point to the post-war years as the high mark of achievement during the Party's first half century of existence; indeed its present young adherents may well be wishing in 50 years' time to celebrate them, whatever may happen in the meantime.

Those achievements, or at least some of them, are still subject to political controversy, but their historic importance cannot be disputed—the bringing of basic industries for the first time into public ownership and the substantial realisation of the Welfare State, a great burst of reforming legislation which succeeding Conservative governments have not chosen, maybe not even wished to alter.

The Labour Party is now in a stage of re-examining its doctrines, but at this moment it feels justified in pausing to congratulate itself on its accomplishments.

Can The Future Be Foretold?

Well, can the future be foretold?

In tomorrow's feature-packed edition of the China Mail, Phyllis Digby Morton begins a new series which will give you an answer to this question.

This is only one highlight. Watch out for others like these:

★ Marilyn Monroe is now the boss of Terence Rattigan and Sir Laurence Olivier—she has bought a Rattigan play and will co-star with Olivier in it; Les Amours thinks Miss Monroe is going to make a place for herself in history.

★ Another treason trial story: Hanged by a passport he did not need, by Nigel Gee.

★ Señor Delmer spends a week with King Saud of Saudi-Arabia and writes about "The King and I".

There are all your regular favourites as well including Jane Roberts' reviews of the latest films in Hong Kong, three pages of local and overseas pictures, special sections for women, children and sportmen, cartoons, comic strips, puzzles, Glims—and the tips for tomorrow's meeting at the Valley—all in your Saturday China Mail.

HISTORIC COMMONS DECISION

House Calls For Abolition Of Death Penalty For Murder MPs SHOUT FOR JOY GOVT TO CONSIDER 'FREE VOTE' VERDICT

The House of Commons tonight voted to abolish the death penalty for murder.

The decision, by 293 votes to 262, was greeted with great shouts of joy by politicians who for years have campaigned to wipe out the gallows.

The House arrived at its verdict on a "free vote".

The motion, which the government had opposed, urged the House to abolish or suspend the death penalty because it "no longer accords with the needs of civilised society."

Mr R. A. Butler, the Lord Privy Seal, said: "When we have a free vote we naturally expect to base our actions, if perhaps after deliberation, on the decision of the House."

EDEN'S ASSURANCE

"After the vote had been taken, Mr James Chuter Ede, a former Labour Home Secretary, asked whether the Government would take steps to carry out the decision of the House.

Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, replied: "Mr Ede can be assured that the Government will give full weight at once to a decision taken by this House on a free vote. But I must add that we will, at the earliest opportunity, make a considered statement on the consequences which will flow from that."

The Prime Minister added it would be necessary for the Government to consider the statement for a day or two.

Amid cheers he said: "But it will be the wish of the Government that there shall be no undue delay."

When the voting figures were announced, Opposition members, the chief supporters of abolition, jumped to their feet and cheered, many waving agenda papers above their heads.

EXCITED CROWD

The news spread quickly to an excited crowd who had been queuing all evening in the cold outside Parliament.

The move for abolition took the form of an amendment to a Government motion which urged that the death penalty should be retained, but with the murder law modified.

At present, the death penalty applies to four crimes in Britain—murder, treason, piracy with violence and fire-raising in royal dockyards and arsenals.

So ended Britain's third debate on capital punishment in the Commons since the war. It climaxed almost a century of agitation for the abolition of capital punishment.

The various galleries were filled almost to capacity and the Chamber itself was so full that members were sitting in the aisles.

DETERRENT PLEA

The Commons voted in 1948 to abolish capital punishment but this was rejected by the House of Lords—and hanging was restored after a 55-day period during which convicted murderers were automatically reprieved.

A year ago a private member's bill calling for a five-year suspension of the death penalty was rejected in the Commons by 245 to 214 on a free vote.

For two hours today Mr Gwynn Lloyd George, the Home Secretary, appealed to the

LABOUR 'CONVERTS'

Among the speakers who favoured abolition of hanging were Mr James Chuter Ede and Mr Herbert Morrison, both former Labour Home Secretaries. Both said they had been converted since 1948.

Mr Ede recalled how his conscience had troubled him since he refused to reprieve Timothy John Evans, who in 1950 was said to have murdered his wife and infant daughter.

John Christie, mass killer, who lived in the same house, later said he murdered Mrs Evans.

A Conservative, Mr Samuel Cunningham, admitted he once had a grave temptation to commit a murder and one of the factors which influenced against it was the death penalty.

GOVT PLAN

Mr Lloyd-George had earlier outlined the Government's proposals to modify the law of murder.

These were:

★ A person accused of murder should now be able to plead he was provoked by words used to him by the person he killed.

The last Royal (Independent) Commission on capital punishment recommended that a jury should be able to reduce murder to manslaughter on such persons.

They regard them simply as the fulfilment of the Government's promised review of expenditure and other matters.

The Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, foreshadowed this review on January 27.

Financial circles point out that these measures would not be necessary if everything were going right. But government quarters deny they imply any new crisis.

They say that today's increase in the bank rate and tomorrow's measures and any still to come in the April budget are simply a continuation of the policy laid down at the Istanbul conference of the International Monetary Fund.

NOW ONLY FRANCE AND SPAIN KEEP THE DEATH SENTENCE

London, Feb. 10. France and Spain are now the only two countries in Western continental Europe to retain capital punishment in practice for crimes in peace-time.

France: The death penalty still exists for murderers in France, but most death sentences are commuted to life imprisonment. The method of execution is the guillotine.

Spain: In Spain, the death penalty is the punishment for first degree murder. Execution is by the garrote, an instrument which kills the victim instantaneously.

Belgium: Death sentence automatically committed to life imprisonment for more than 100 years.

Italy: Death penalty abolished more than 80 years ago. Restored by Mussolini for grave political crimes.

London, Feb. 16.

The War Office has called for a progress report on negotiations now going on in Hongkong concerning the transfer of Murray Barracks, the Murray parade ground and the detention barracks to the local civil authorities.

A War Office spokesman said in London today there should be developments to report very shortly.—Our own correspondent.

COLONY BANKS TO FOLLOW LONDON RATE?

Banks in Hongkong are today examining the effect of the increase in the British bank rate upon their operations.

Banks, for instance, with overdrafts in London will feel the effect of the new squeeze and may have to pass the higher charge that will be made for their overdrafts on to the Hongkong public.

"We'll have to get it back somehow," one banker said this morning.

It was learned this morning that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank had not yet decided to increase its rates for borrowing.

Mr R. A. Butler, who was then Chancellor of the Exchequer, then undertook that Britain would take the necessary internal measures and discipline to let sterling ride comfortably without going back on her external commitments.—Reuter.

Tried To Sell
Secret Plans

London, Feb. 16. A 20-year-old photographer Geoffrey Charles Palmer of Bristol was charged tonight with violating the Official Secrets Act by trying to sell secret aircraft drawings to an American magazine.—United Press.

That "squeeze" was directed primarily at share speculators and its effect was intended to curtail credit for gambling on the share market and redirect money into economically more useful channels.

If there is any new increase in the Colony's borrowing rate, it is likely to be felt by a very much wider section of the community.

No New Crisis

London, Feb. 16. Government quarters tonight stressed that the further disinflationary measures, to be announced in the House of Commons tomorrow, are not actuated by any new adverse turn in Britain's fortunes.

They regard them simply as the fulfilment of the Government's promised review of expenditure and other matters.

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THE QUEEN LEAVES

Kano, Feb. 16. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh left here by air tonight for London after their 19-day visit to Nigeria.—Reuter.

IN BRIEF

THE 69TH ANNUAL REPORT also shows that during 1955 41,000 people purchased £97,821,730 of new insurance to provide for to-morrow. More than 460,000 people now own Manufacturers Life policies providing £685,825,519 in insurance and retirement protection. Their plans for to-morrow's security are safeguarded by assets of £211,941,858.

Whether to-morrow holds pleasure or pain—retirement ease or the stress of untimely death—Life Insurance provides the answer to the family's financial needs of the future. Life Insurance alone can carry out a promise to deliver money no matter when to-morrow comes! For example, during 1955, Manufacturers Life paid out £245,559 in benefits on 119 policies that had been in force less than a year. Payments to living policyholders and the families of those who died reached a record total of £12,301,888.

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More Disinflationary Measures Expected

By Sidney Gampell

London, Feb. 16.

Today's higher bank rate was expected to be followed by other disinflationary moves—hire-purchase restrictions, cuts in capital expenditure by the nationalised industries (except only coal and atomics), cuts in government spending including many frills in the defence programme, and a new savings drive.

Any intention to reintroduce building licences or import restrictions has been authoritatively denied. The purpose of this denial was to avoid pointless forestalling which may have inflated January's imports.

VOLCANO FOUND NOT GUILTY

San Francisco, Feb. 16.

A University of California scientist reported here that the wrong volcano has been blamed for the 1912 Alaskan volcanic eruption—one of the most violent natural events the world has known.

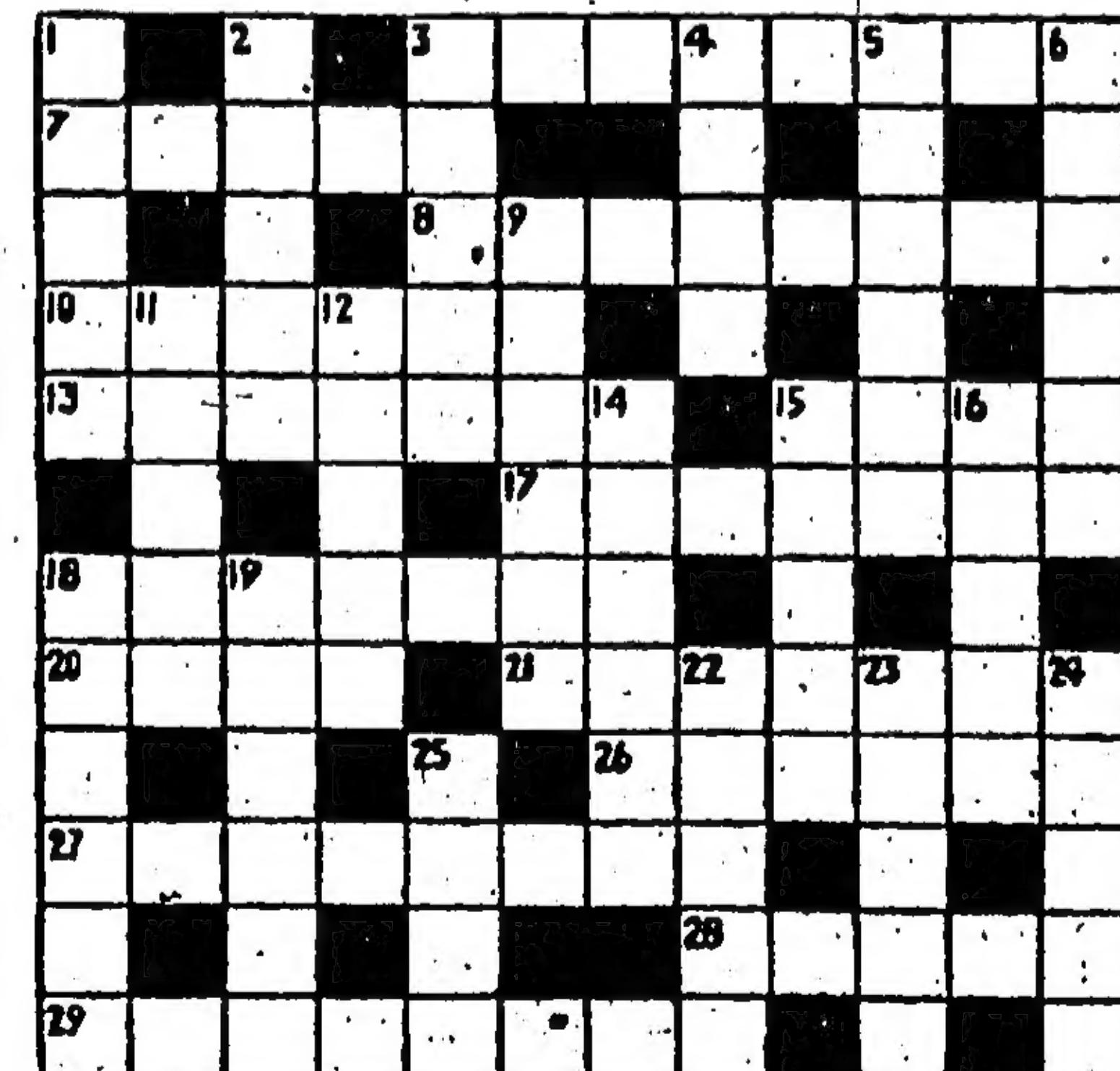
Not Mount Katmai, but another mountain volcano six miles away, Novarupta, contributed the most violence to the explosion, according to the scientist, Dr G. H. Curtis, assistant professor of Geology. Both mountains erupted but Novarupta made a more violent contribution than Katmai.

Four Years

Destruction was so great that scientists could not enter the area for four years. Then "The Valley of 10,000 Smokes" was discovered, with Katmai surrounded by thick layers of volcanic ash. The scientists assumed it was responsible for the explosion.

Dr Curtis determined that Katmai was only a minor accomplice in the event by calculations based on the thickness of volcanic ash throughout the Valley of 10,000 Smokes. Contour lines based on his measurements formed incriminating rings around Novarupta—and none at all around Katmai. —China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Feeler (5).
- 7 Snow hut (5).
- 8 Molly-coddled (8).
- 10 Numbles (6).
- 13 Fight (7).
- 15 Fish (4).
- 17 Built (7).
- 18 Put back (7).
- 20 Unemployed (4).
- 21 Waited (7).
- 26 Offer (6).
- 27 Enhance (6).
- 28 Slack (6).
- 29 Expressive actions (6).

DOWN

- 1 Flowering shrub (5).
- 2 Free from dirt (5).
- 3 Sun helmet (5).
- 4 Specimen (4).
- 5 Vegetable (6).
- 6 Circulated (0).
- 9 Aver (6).
- 11 Uninterested (6).
- 12 Condition (6).
- 14 Negotiates (6).
- 15 Regard with disdain (5).
- 16 Assembly (6).
- 18 Division of Yorkshire (6).
- 19 Trousers (6).
- 22 Stagger (5).
- 23 Fool (6).
- 24 Towelled (6).
- 25 Bill of fare (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Throat, 5 Dard, 6 River, 9 Nettle, 10 Folio, 11 Again, 12 Air, 13 Cases, 14 Remiss, 15 Tremor, 20 Nasal, 22 Kepi, 23 Slump, 25 Muff, 26 Alaska, 27 Eerie, 28 Word, 29 Dawdle, Down: 1 Threaten, 2 Remiss, 3 Arin, 4 Tingles & Dific, 6 Atones, 7 Emilia, 14 Assured, 16 Estimate, 18 Rattle, 17 Mermal, 19 Easter, 21 Abuse, 24 Fleas.

Collective Leadership Favoured In Russia

Paris, Feb. 16.
TOP Soviet Communist Party officials, Anastas Mikoyan and Mikhail Suslov, spoke out in favour of collective leadership of the Party today at the party's 20th congress which is underway in Moscow, Tass news agency reported.

Mr Mikoyan, who is Vice-Premier and a member of the Party Presidium, reiterated the statements made by Party Chief, Nikita Krushchev last Tuesday that collective leadership was all important for the future of the party.

Mr Suslov, a secretary of the party, said collective leadership is being set up at all levels of the party from the Central Committee to the local Communist cell.

Vital Problems

This collective leadership is illustrated by the party's collective decisions on vital problems and by the stepping up of mutual criticism and self-criticism within the party. Mr Suslov said.

Mr Suslov, like other party leaders who have spoken thus far, lashed out at personal party leadership which prevailed before the last congress held in 1952. Personal leadership violated Marxist-Leninist theory and did great harm to the party, Mr Suslov said. He said the Soviet Union's fight for peace had helped to slacken world tension and had bolstered the forces of peace, democracy and socialism everywhere, Tass reported.

Meantime, the "Imperialist camp" has weakened, Mr Suslov said. He said the French election held on January 2 demonstrated that "the force of peace have scored gains even in capitalist countries."—France-Press.

S. AFRICA ENFORCES INDIAN BAN

Johannesburg, Feb. 16.
The South African Government today started enforcing its ban on the immigration of Indians into the Union.

The immigration authorities notified airlines, railways, shipping lines and bus companies that no Indians will be allowed into the country from now on except returning South African residents or bona fide tourists with the necessary visas.

Public carriers will be held responsible for the repatriation of their passengers in case the ban is violated, the authorities said.

The ban applies to all Indian immigrants, including the wives of Indian residents in South Africa.—France-Press.

Earth Tremor In Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Feb. 16.
A brief earth tremor which rattled dishes was felt in homes here today.

The tremor, which came as a blast followed by a rumble and rolling vibration, also was felt at Edmond and Stillwater.

A number of Oklahoma City residents felt the vibration and some thought it was an explosion.

Early evening diners in the Beacon Club on the 33rd floor of the First National Bank Building said they heard a rumbling and it was as if the whole countryside was shaking. —United Press.

Australian Envoy To Thailand

Camberra, Feb. 16.
The Australian Minister to Thailand Mr D. O. Hay has been appointed Ambassador. This follows the decision of the Australian and Thai governments to raise their diplomatic missions from "legations" to "ambassadors".



Gandhi Commemoration Ceremony In Delhi

Enquiry Into UK Copper Exports To Soviet Bloc

Washington, Feb. 16.
Mr Ronald Prain, British head of a leading Rhodesian copper mining group, appeared under subpoena today before the Senate Permanent Investigations Sub-committee and faced insistent questions on British exports of strategic copper to the Soviet bloc.

Mr Prain, chairman of the board of the Rhodesian Selection Trusts, denied that any of the copper mined by his group found its way directly or indirectly to Communist countries.

He confirmed the committee's research evidence that Britain has exported about 75 million pounds of copper products to the Soviet bloc in the year 1954.

Mr Prain said he had firm assurances from his British customers that none of them exported copper directly or indirectly to the Soviet bloc.

He was asked by the committee's counsel, Mr Robert Kennedy: "Which British firms do export copper to Russia, then?"

No Information

Mr Prain replied: "I have no information."

Mr Prain, who said his group was responsible for about one-

third of Britain's entire raw copper imports, told Reuter after his return to Britain by five days so that he could obey the subpoena.

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No Evidence

The Board of Trade spokesman said British shipments to the whole Soviet bloc—33,697 tons—up to the end of last year were only a third of the amount it was suggested Britain might have shipped to the Soviet Union alone.

Asked to comment on the suggestion that some of the British exports had come from Rhodesian mines which had received American development aid, the spokesman said: "We have no evidence that these included Rhodesian copper."—Reuter.

Know The Use

"The child needs to know the use of what he learns. Teach him abstract mathematics and incomprehensible ideas about gravity and gases and he is lost to learning for ever—but put a child old enough to have sufficient manual dexterity to teach himself his own transistor (simplified valves) receiving set and he is ripe to learn how it works and why."

He was speaking at the Institution of Production Engineers.—China Mail Special.

39 Carnival Deaths

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 16.
Rio's four-day pre-Lenten carnival resulted in 39 violent deaths, many of them murders. There were 114 cases of serious injury.—China Mail Special.

Indonesian Leaders Pro-Jap Quislings Says Senator CASEY APOLOGISES

Canberra, Feb. 16.

A 69-year-old Australian Senator attacked Indonesian leaders as "pro-Japanese Quislings" today, and External Affairs Minister R. G. Casey promptly apologised to the President of Indonesia.

Sen. George Rankin, Member of the Country Party from Victoria and a Major-General in World War I, touched off the dispute when he accused Indonesia of attempting to "thieve" West New Guinea.

He demanded from Mr Casey a statement that would make clear the Australian government's attitude on West New Guinea (Irian). The island territory, held by the Dutch, is claimed by Indonesia.

Broke Down

"Mr Casey should make a statement for the benefit of the Dutch and also for the pro-Japanese Quislings in Indonesia who want to thieve New Guinea, to which they have no true claim whatever," Sen. Rankin said.

Dutch-Indonesian negotiations on West New Guinea and other mutual problems broke down in Geneva last week.

Mr Casey issued a statement apologising to President Soekarno and the Indonesian government for Sen. Rankin's outburst.

The remarks by Sen. Rankin, who is a private Member, about President Soekarno and the Indonesian government are wholly unjustified and are repudiated by the Australian government in the strongest terms," the statement said.

R. G. Casey

Djakarta on the West New Guinea issue, but emphasised that the Australian attitude toward Indonesia's claims had not changed.

The Australian government opposed handing over the territory to Indonesia when the question was debated in the United Nations in 1954.

As for the Dutch-Indonesian dispute, Mr Casey said it appeared to be a dialectic dispute.—United Press.

Television For Armchair Police

Hamburg, Feb. 16.
Hamburg police are to experiment with a "television eye" to help regulate traffic.

A television camera overlooking a busy crossing will transmit the traffic scene to a screen in the police station, from where the red, amber and green lights will be remotely controlled.

This system will be more effective than traffic lights which change at regular intervals regardless of the density of the traffic and will take the place of policemen on point duty.

The eventual aim is to control several inter-dependent crossings from the same police station.

By pushing a button, the officer in charge will be able to put into operation one or five programmes, or combinations of changing lights, according to the traffic situation.—China Mail Special.

WILD WOMAN AT WEDDING WIELDED WEAPON

Rome, Feb. 16.
A bridegroom was about to say "I do" at a wedding in a church at Trento, a wild-eyed woman rushed up the aisle brandishing a revolver. The bridegroom fled into the vestry.

The ceremony was taking place in the Church of the Sanctuary of the Madonna of the mountains outside Trento yesterday.

Police described the woman as a former fiancee of the bridegroom. She was seized and disarmed as she screamed: "I want to kill him."

The bridegroom reappeared from the vestry and the ceremony continued.—China Mail Special.

'Nightmare' Sickness Kills Seven

Manila, Feb. 16.
STRANGE "nightmare" sickness that has killed seven people in their sleep during the past 16 days was "fast becoming a grave public health problem," the Chief Medical Officer of the Manila Police Department said today.

Dr Mariano B. Lara said the afflicted persons invariably "ran out of breath" in their sleep.

So far, the victims of the malady have all been men. A college instructor, a lawyer, a student and labourer have died of the disease.

After February

He said the malady was first reported years ago in Hawaiian plantations where Filipino labourers were reported to have died of the disease.

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The Eisenhower News Prompts The Query IS GOLF WORTH THE STRAIN?

By DR ARTHUR CHESBY

SO President Eisenhower has been ordered to give up golf. Excellent. I would go further and order EVERYONE — well, almost — to give it up.

The President has, of course, been advised to abandon the game because of his heart.

But it is my guess that his doctors are not concerned only with the physical strain. They are probably thinking too of the risk involved in the tension and the striving which afflicts almost every golfer.

I'M TEMPTED

THAT is why I would be tempted to close down every golf course and send golfers off for a long relaxing walk in the country. Because golf, as a relaxation, just doesn't work. It does much, much more harm than good.

There is nothing wrong with the game itself. It could be a fine exercise, a wonderful mental and physical relaxation (yes, even for some heart subjects).

But it hardly ever is. Golf is far more often a matter of fret and tension. Of false hopes and disappointment; of despair, frustration, and even rage.

If you think I exaggerate then ask a golfer. Ask me. I am one of the lunatics who play golf and, believe me, I know it all.

Even if I play well I worry about WHY I played well. What was it I did right this time that I don't need to do next time? Can I do it right next time too?

If I play badly I suffer a feeling of shame and failure that is out of all proportion to the real state of affairs. And my only consolation is that every other golfer suffers exactly as I do.

The non-golfer will now ask: Why take the thing so seriously? Why not try taking it easy?

Intelligent questions, but only a non-golfer could ask them. They miss the whole point. The average golfer is precisely the man who can't take it easy.

RELAX . . .

HE is more often than not the high executive type, whose job demands big decisions and involves constant tension. He is a perfectionist, incessantly demanding the best of himself and it is this quality which has got him where he is.

But it is this too which may make him a bad golfer, or at any rate, a frustrated one. For as any golfing professional will tell you — mine has been telling me for years — the whole secret of successful golf is the ability to relax.

The world needs its perfectionists. It needs them badly. But the perfectionists don't need golf. They would be healthier and happier without it. They have enough of tension from Monday to Friday. At week-ends they MUST relax, or sooner or later crack.

Of course most golfers are so besotted by the game that they DON'T

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ANTARCTIC

By J. C. Graham

Auckland, N.Z. Trevor Hetheron. In five days the mountains bordering on McMurdo Sound is essential. Fortunately, weather conditions were good (for the Antarctic) and the ice variable. They visited Hut Point, site of Captain Scott's hut, and a number of other localities which have been mentioned as likely sites for the base.

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A New Zealand party went to McMurdo Sound with the American expedition that has been there for the past few weeks. They lost no time in searching for a base site which could be reached by sea but which was also well placed for the British explorers arriving after their arduous journey.

Travelling the hard way on foot and dragging sledges with 400 pounds of equipment, a three-man party set out round the shores of McMurdo Sound under the leadership of Dr

Trevor Hetheron. In five days they covered 85 miles.

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After this survey, a longer and still more testing journey was undertaken, and a party consisting of Dr Hetheron, Lieutenant W. J. Smith and Mr B. M. Gunn, made the first ascent of the Ferrar Glacier since Captain Scott's last expedition.

It was a 10-day journey to explore a possible route for the British expedition when it approaches from the other side of the continent. A way through

GREEK TRAGEDY?



Mr Lennox-Boyd, Colonial Secretary, told MPs the Government is prepared to take any necessary measures, including jamming, to combat propaganda broadcasts to Cyprus by Athens Radio.

Uranium Strike!

MICK'S LUCKY FIND

By Arthur Marley

THERE'S a long, sleek, dove-grey Packard limousine parked outside a tiny cottage at Mount Isa, in Queensland's Far West. It is one of the prettiest sights of the outback, these days. The owner is a young prospector named Mick Walton, still, in his mid-twenties — one of the Dominion's new uranium-rich.

Mick drives this luxurious monster barefoot, his toes curved comfortably over the accelerator. He wears khaki shorts and singlet only as he sends the car scudding along the outback roads, sending up clouds of yellow-red dust....

Mick is the man behind the announcement that the British Atomic Energy Commission is opening up a great new source of uranium supply in Queensland. The metal is to be stockpiled and shipped from the tropical port of Townsville to feed the new British atomic energy power stations.

Dream Come True

The British mining concern, Rio Tinto Co. Ltd., has also announced that it has signed an agreement with Australian interests to build a £10 million uranium treatment plant in the Mount Isa area of Queensland, inland from Townsville.

The same firm has bought a controlling interest in the richest of the Mount Isa uranium lodes — the Mary Kathleen mine. It is one of Britain's biggest post-war mining development projects overseas.

Rio Tinto will supply the treated ore to the British Atomic Energy Commission and young Mick Walton seems certain to have his second Packard before long.

For Mary Kathleen is the lucky strike made by Mick and a group of local companions during the height of the Mount Isa uranium rush two years ago.

It is every prospector's dream come true — a solid hill of uranium.

Luck played a big part in the find. Walton and five companions from Mount Isa detected radioactivity in some smooth stones in a creek bed. They followed the creek up into the hills to find the source of the stones — and stumbled upon the radioactive hill that they named Mary Kathleen.

Red target

Soviet Russia is now endeavouring to promote a pro-Soviet mood in the non-Communist Asian countries. Burma, where Buddhism is the great faith professed by the great majority of the population, is one of its targets. To achieve its purpose Soviet propaganda must draw up an idealised picture of conditions in Russia and, in particular, of the Communist attitude towards the monasteries.

Before the October Revolution there were as many as 37 Buddhist monasteries in Soviet Russia's Buryat-speaking areas. Several were important educational institutions, to which the intellectual development of the Buryat people owes a great debt.

The liquidation of the Buddhist monasteries started in 1929 and was completed in 1937. The Soviet authorities showed no respect for the religious treasures which the monasteries contained, and most of them were destroyed without regard to their value.

At the time of the great purge many former lamas were put on trial as Japanese "agents" and "spies." This charge of treacherous collaboration with Japan was made even against Buryat lamas who lived far removed from any possible contact with the Japanese, for instance those attached to the small Buddhist temple in Leningrad. In 1937, all of them were arrested and most of them executed.

Greatest blow

But the greatest blow inflicted on Soviet Buddhism was the arrest of the head of the Buddhist community of Soviet Russia, Agvan Dorzhiev, a most learned man who enjoyed great prestige among his people. Agvan Dorzhiev died in a prison in Ulan Bator (Mongolia). He was the immediate predecessor of the Chief Lama Darmayev, who a few weeks ago met the Burmese Premier in Moscow and made the recent optimistic statement about the survival of Buddhism in the USSR.

In the Soviet-controlled Mongolian People's Republic, where the Buddhist monasteries wielded considerable political power, the persecution of the lamas assumed even greater proportions than in Russia. For instance, in 1936, there was a mass trial in Ulan Bator, the Mongolian capital, involving over 100 high lamas of 17 monasteries.

Further trials in 1937 and 1938 led to the victimisation of altogether 2,000 lamas of 40 monasteries, or rather former

"Cornflakes taste so much better with brown sugar on, Mummy!"



It makes all the difference



SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Seventh Race Meeting of the 1955/56 season starts tomorrow and will be held over two consecutive Saturday afternoons. There will be 10 races each day instead of nine races; the First Saddling Bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and an additional race (1A) will be run at 1.30 p.m. There will be no cash sweep on these additional races.

The most important event tomorrow is the Hyde Park Handicap for Class 1 ponies. Here are my estimates of the chances:

RACE 1A
(Beverley Handicap (First Section): From 1½ Miles Post).

The opening event is contested by Class 7 ponies to be ridden by novice riders. A perusal of the entries would seem to indicate that the following should be prominent—Briviste (A. Travert), Mainsail II (Andrew Lam), Orange Beauty (Edwin Mok), and Sky Horse (Albert Lam).

Briviste should have no difficulty in winning. This pony was officially fourth in the Southern Handicap over 1½ miles at the last meeting, but in view of the opposition tomorrow it should not be fully extended, except perhaps by Mainsail II.

Combined Schools Cricket Team

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Schools XI against the "Chopsticks" at KCC on Wednesday Feb. 22 and against the Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday Feb. 25.—J. Shroff (KGV), J. Hung (DBS), J. Basto (KGV), R. Laichandani (N.M.C.), L. Kitchell (St. Joseph's), J. Kalser (DBS), I. Johnston (St. George's), D. Robb (KGV), A. Ramjohn (St. Joseph's), M. Randall (DBS), F. Grove (KGV), 12th man: D. Horley (KGV).

Whitlock Not Ready To Meet Moore Yet

San Francisco, Feb. 16. Archie Moore, World Light-Heavyweight Boxing Champion, will have to look for another opponent if he intends going through with his proposed fight in San Diego on February 27. Joe Carlucci, manager of Heavyweight Dave Whitlock, said today he would not match his boxer against Moore. "The kid isn't ready," he said.

"Whitlock is not going to box Moore now," added Carlucci. "I don't think the kid is good enough and he has a cut eye from a recent bout. It takes time for a cut to heal, and it won't be healed by February 27."

Moore signed to meet Whitlock yesterday. The bout was scheduled to take place four days after Moore's reported date of arrival in London to start training in defense of his world title against Yolande Pompey (Trinidad) on March 13.—Reuter.

MOORE'S SUGGESTION

San Francisco, Feb. 16. Archie Moore, World Light-Heavyweight Champion, today put off until next Tuesday his final decision as to whether he would defend his title in London on March 13 against Yolande Pompey, of Trinidad.

In a half-hour phone call with promoter Jack Solomon in London, Moore suggested that he should fight British Heavyweight Champion Don Cockrell on March 13 and stay on in London to fight Pompey in June. Mr. Solomon turned down the suggestion.

Moore thought a June title fight against Pompey would attract a half-million-dollar gate.

Earlier last week Moore said he would insist on an American referee or a British referee of his choice handling his London bout.

Moore told Mr. Solomon he was "having a bit of difficulty in reducing to the 175 pounds division limit but gave an assurance he could make the weight."

It was agreed that Moore and Mr. Solomon should have another talk next Tuesday after Moore's non-title fight on May 13 against Howard King of Nevada.—China Mail Special.

LOOKING AT SPORT

ALEC STOCK CAN BRING GLORY BACK TO ARSENAL

Says DENNIS HART

The Arsenal story, the greatest story of them all, started with Herbert Chapman.

George Allison followed, then came Tom Whittaker. Now Highbury's marbled hills welcome the latest in line of succession — Alec Stock. His job: to bring about an Arsenal revival.

It's as simple as that. Alec Stock, at 37 one of the youngest managers in football, has the game's biggest job. There's no question of him building a pretty good side. It has to be really good.

For Chapman set a new level or standards with his fabulous side of the thirties. In nine years they won the League Championship five times, were second once, third another time. The lowest position they dropped to was sixth. And that year they won the FA Cup.

Another Cup win and a runners-up medal completed a success story which made

Arsenal a household word in every language.

Now they are paying for that success. Since the war Arsenal have done well. They have won the League twice, the Cup once, something no other club has done. Their post-war total of points is beaten only by Manchester United.

Yet they have been written off as has-beens. For Arsenal

means one thing in soccer—the best. Anything short of that is failure.

That is why—Alec Stock, of the keen eyes and clear-cut features, takes up the Highbury reins.

A ONE-MAN JOB

Running Arsenal had become more than a one-man job, even with assistants. An entirely new post had to be created and filled. Now it has, with the appointment of Stock as team manager.

His sole responsibility will be the team, its training, its tactics and its wants.

What sort of man is Stock? Born in Somerset, he is the son of a Charlton groundsman. He captained his school at rugby. At 18 he turned to soccer, signed for Charlton, moved on to Queen's Park Rangers. Then came the war.

Back in Somerset in 1946 he saw an advertisement for the position of player-manager of Yeovil Town, an obscure Non-League side. He answered it, and was chosen from 60 applicants.

Three years later that game Yeovil town was headline news. A sensational Cup-run took them to the fifth round with Bury and Sunderland beaten on the way.

That year Stock went to Orient, the "Cinderella club" of soccer, struggling at the foot of the Third Division.

PROMOTION HUNT

Now they are well in the promotion hunt. Stock discovered players like Vic Groves and Stan Charlton—recently transferred to Arsenal for £30,000. He leaves behind him at Leyton other discoveries like Ron Heckman, for whom Wolves would willingly exchange £20,000, Phil Woosnam and Ken Facy.

That is Alec Stock, star-maker, team-builder and, above all, fighter.

It is because he is a fighter that he has gone to Arsenal. Money he could have earned more by staying at Leyton. Stock offered him £80 per week and a three-year contract. And he couldn't get a happier atmosphere at Orient. The club is known as soccer's happy family.

But there are other things. Says Alec: "The Arsenal job is a challenge. It's a man's job. Can I do it? Am I big enough? Who could resist a challenge to achieve the highest pinnacle of his profession?" Is Stock big enough?

Scott Briggs thought sterner treatment was required—and a professional jockey, George Black, was given the mount on Ontray for the Christmas Cracker Handicap Chase at the Liverpool December meeting.

Ontray was not very impressive that day, but the partnership probably required more experience of each other.

This proved impossible, for shortly afterwards Black had an accident which put him out for the season.

Ontray continued to be ridden by professional jockeys in his next three races, and last time out Dick Curran landed him in third place in the Lancashire Handicap Chase with Wiss Child, Gossamer, Look On, Kilmarnay and Triple-Palate behind.

I should have liked to have seen Curran ride him again at Aintree, for there are not many better riders over this course. Curran is booked for Giggle on whom he finished fourth last season.

When Ontray ran fifth in last year's National, he carried 108 pounds overweight. Just what that means in terms of lengths one cannot estimate but over four



ALEC STOCK

Tough Policy Could Pay With Ontray

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

Captain Lionel Scott Briggs has devoted a large part of his life to attempting to win the Grand National. During this time he has developed certain theories about what should be done and should not be done with a prospective Aintree candidate.

From the moment he bought Ontray as a yearling in Ireland the horse has been brought along gradually in accordance with this owner-trainer's carefully developed routine.

Twice already Scott Briggs has got within an ace of realising his life's ambition, for in 1953 his seven-year-old Mac-Moffat was beaten by three lengths and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays a half miles it must be considerable.

This time he will carry his correct weight of 10st. He meets Quare Times on 20th better terms and all last year's runners will be at a considerable disadvantage with him on actual running weights.

Ontray jumps well and stays a reasonable proposition for a place.

Ontray, an eight-year-old brown gelding by Legend of France out of Guinea Fowl, is owned and trained by L. Scott Briggs at Cornhill-on-Tweed, Northumberland.

He ran in the Grand National last year with 10st. 8lb. and finished fifth of 30 to Quare Times. In the 1954 National (10-8) he finished ninth of 29 to Royal Tan. Mr. R. Brewis rode in both races, but N. Wilkinson has the mount this year with 10-0.

Ontray ran in the Grand Sefton Chase (2m. 7f.) in 1955 with 10-8, but fell at the 15th fence. His full record last season: 0 2 3 0 0 0 2 0.

Ontray's performances so far this season: 300 200 203. (London Express Services). (COPYRIGHT)

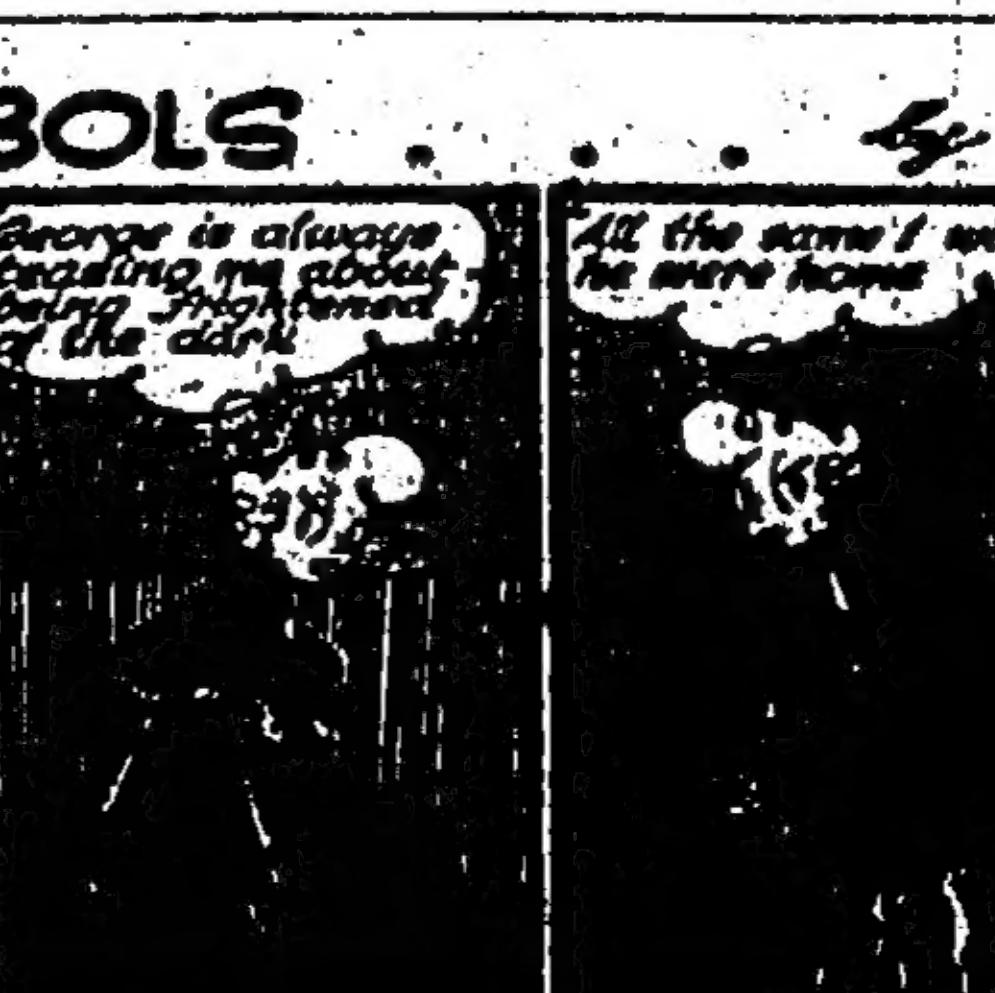
Valley Accident

Mr. A. Travert was injured in a riding accident at Happy Valley this morning while exercising Hallmark. His mount almost ran into Balkan Monarch during a training gallop, and he fell off, landing on his face. His nose was split open and may have been broken. He was taken to hospital for an X-ray examination.

NO ATHLETICS ON SUNDAY

The athletic meeting arranged to take place at Caroline Hill Stadium on Sunday morning had to be postponed owing to unforeseen circumstances. It will now take place on Sunday, February 26, and the main feature on the programme will be a 3,000 Metres race.

THE GAMBOLES



BRITAIN'S OLYMPIC HOPE

OLYMPIC TITLE CAN BE
NICKY GARGANO'S
BOXING FINALE

By ERIC NICHOLLS

Boxing produced Jim Driscoll, a model for those with cultured aims. It also produced Rocky Marciano.

Both men chose their own paths. Both are as alike as chalk and cheese. Britain's leading amateur welterweight, Nicky Gargano, is another who believes in his own style of ringcraft.

It is science before brutes force. But science with a difference. There is nothing of the Driscoll about Nicky Gargano. He believes in defence as the best way of winning fights.

He relies on his south-paw stance and anti-clockwise movements around the ring, with guard well up, to fox his opponent, and make the task of reaching him more difficult. All the time Nicky is searing himself with jabbing rights. And his handsome, untouched features support his argument for better boxing.

Gargano does not believe in flashiness. And he could not be termed aggressive. Perhaps workmanlike is the best description to fit this 21-year-old Covent Garden fruit salesman.

For Gargano treats boxing just like a job that has to be done.

EVERLASTING HOLD

There is nothing of the "life or death" attitude to the fight game in him. The smell of resin, and the lure of the canvas square, which have an ever-

lasting hold over some boxers—it even drags them back after their days are done—haven't the same appeal to him.

Nicky has simply set himself the stiffest of all tests—an Olympic Gold Medal—before joining the three generations of Garganos who came, saw, conquered and wrote fine.

Right now Nicky is hard at training for the ABA Championships. Twenty miles road work per week, and an hour's session in the gym every other day with a game of table tennis thrown in, keeps him in peak condition.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

What of the Gargano outside the ring? He likes swimming, enjoys football. With his training schedule, football doesn't get much of a look-in these days. But Nicky has appeared for Eton Manor's first team in the London League, and as a boy he represented East London Schools at inside-right.

Young Nicky, along with his pals from Leytonstone, joined the Eton Manor Boys' Club. There he was informed that he would have to take part in a certain number of activities. How about boxing, they asked? "I'll have a go," said Nicky.

HIS FIRST TASTE

When the day arrived for his first club tournament, Nicky found his pals had backed out. But duly attired in shorts, vest, new white socks and gym shoes—a present from Mum—Nicky entered the ring for his first taste of competitive pugilism. He won. Thereafter the Gargano boxing schedule became a more serious affair, with Art and bucking from Dad.

Hardly a quitter, you will agree. But Nicky adopts a realistic view of the thick-air trade.

He realises that to win an Olympic title would leave him without further worlds to conquer as an amateur. Then comes the time of decision. Entry into professional sport or retirement?

"Me, I'm the electrician, plumber and general handyman, now," he says. "But first, there's a little matter to be settled in Melbourne."—London Express Service.

WEEK-END TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent their respective clubs in sports fixtures over the week-end:

CRICKET

1st XI (Away) vs Scorpions:—Dr. E.L. Gargano, M.A. d'Almada Remedios, L.G. Gargano, A.P. Nomada, J.A. Cordeiro, A.P. d'Almada Remedios, L.J. d'Almada Remedios, A.M. Pinto, H.P. Orzario, A.P. Pereira, Jr., H. Campion, H.D. Miller, Umpire: P.J. Hart, Scorer: J. Smith.

Opponents (Away) vs Army South at Stockport:—F.A. Perry, G.M.B. Salmon, C.E.B. Leader, R.C. Ellington, N. Leigh Harvey, A. Maiden, C. Hall, H.H. Hughes.

Scorer: L.G. d'Almada Remedios.

HKCC

Scorpions (Home) vs Revere at 1.30 p.m.:—L.E. Stevenson, F.A. Weller, D.W. Leach, V.O. Roberts, P.V. Dodge, Bishop, Douglas, John, P. Pinnington, Over-Scholes, T.A. H. Campion, H.D. Miller, Umpire: P.J. Hart, Scorer: J. Smith.

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FOOTBALL

1st Division vs Kitchens at Causeway Bay at 2.30 p.m.:—Jones, Armstrong, N. Hart, Baker, A.J. Catley, L. Dally, R.G. Heron, A.T. Lee, K. Lo, J. Marshall, N. Oel, G. Webster.

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CARVER'S COMINGS AND GOINGS

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In nine years he has lost English Soccer four times for Continental appointments—a record. Since 1947 he has left Huddersfield Town for Holland, Millwall for Italy, West Bromwich Albion for Coventry and now Coventry City for Italy.

The rest of the Colony XI clashes with Macao "B" in the first game on the programme Saturday at 2.30 p.m. and then the main match of the Hongkong hockey season, the Colony versus Macao "A" game gets under way at 4 p.m. Admission charges will be \$2 for Civilians and \$1 for Service men and schoolchildren.

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ACE AND AGILITY

When the Lipton (Staffs) team arrived to play their Burton League match at Yoxall, they were a man short. So their linesman, Jack Thimmins, played, and his place on the line was taken by Alfred Lester. By the way, Mr. Lester, is eighty-four years of age!

Men's Third Division

R.N. "C" vs R.A.F. "C" at Kai Tak at 4 p.m.; University "C" at 4 p.m.; H.K.I.C. "C" vs Demons at Stockport at 4 p.m.; Dutch H.C. "D" vs Kitchens at 4 p.m.; Navy Bharat "D" vs Kitchens at 4 p.m.

World Title Bout

Chicago, Feb. 10. Carmen Basilio, United States World Welterweight Boxing Champion, and Johnny Sexton, former Champion, today signed contracts for their title match here on March 14.—Reuters.



NICKY GARGANO

MACAO HOCKEY TEAMS TO PLAY IN HONGKONG

Macao, Feb. 17. A 40-strong party consisting of players of the Macao Hockey Club and their supporters will be arriving in Hongkong today for the annual hockey interport between the two cities. The matches are scheduled to take place tomorrow.

The Macao "A" selection will consist of Cristovao Santos, A. L. Nery, A. S. Barro, H. da Rocha (captain), J. V. Rosario, A. Cordeiro, E. Cunha, P. Mbrates, L. Ribeiro, A. Jorge and A. Almeida.

The Macao "B" selection will consist of Alfredo Santos, H. Silva, A. Colino, J. Nolasco, Bosco Silva, H. Rodriguez, F. Nolasco, P. H. Lobo, Nuno Santos, L. Luz and A. Cordeiro. This team will meet a Hongkong Rest of the Colony team.

On Sunday, the Macao Hockey Club "A" and "B" selections will cross sticks with the First Min North Staffordshire Regiment and the Stockpools hockey team respectively.

The Macao ladies' hockey team is also making the trip to play a friendly match in Hongkong.—France Presse.



What's Wrong With Aston Villa, The Club With The Legendary Name?

Asks ALAN HOBY

What is wrong with Aston Villa, the club with the legendary name, the side which plays in the famous claret-and-blue?

I'll tell you—the claret has gone sour and the blue is washed out... Once the mere name "Aston Villa" spelled glamour with a giant G. Once

every boy in Birmingham wanted to be a Villa star.

In those far-off days they were soccer's proud aristocrats—six times Cup winners, six times League champions.

But look at 'em now—threatened by relegation, attacked by their own Shareholders' Association, their directors told to quit...

In short, an appalling mess! Are the angry shareholders and supporters right? How much is the present board to blame for Villa's lengthy catalogue of failure?

Let me assess the facts. It is 80 years since Villa won the Cup and 40 years since they were League Champions.

Indeed, the club's peak period took place in the gaudy era of the 1890s—so it's little wonder the fans are fed-up.

ON CLUB POLICY

But when I asked Mr Chris Buckley, the present chairman, for an official statement on club policy, his reply was "no comment..."

It would appear, however,

indeed, it has been publicly stated that Mr Houghton picks the team—a declaration which for some reason produced catcalls and derisive laughter...

ON REAL POLICY

One irate shareholder told me: "I'm tired of watching tripe. As far as I can see there is NO plan. No real policy, and NO future for the club unless something drastic is done."

Rightly or wrongly, the board is blamed for the attendance drop; for neglecting Villa's scouting system; and for buying the wrong players—although their latest recruit—£12,000 Jimmy Dugdale, the West Bromwich Albion reserve centre-half, seems a good buy to me.

Then there was the Dave Hickson blago. Dynamite Dave was bought from Everton last September for £18,000 to put sold to Huddersfield little more than two months later after scoring one goal in 12 games.

Altogether, since the war, Villa have paid out more than £250,000 on 20 players.

They also made money—like the £57,000 they picked up from the transfers of Danny Blanchflower to Spurs and Tommy Thompson to Preston.

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The following is the complete Men's Programme for Sunday:

Men's Fourth Division

R.N. "E" vs R.A.F. "E" at Kai Tak at 4 p.m.; University "E" at 4 p.m.; H.K.I.C. "E" vs Demons at Stockport at 4 p.m.; Dutch H.C. "F" vs Kitchens at 4 p.m.; Navy Bharat "F" vs Kitchens at 4 p.m.

The following is the complete Men's Programme for Sunday:

Men's Fifth Division

R.N. "G" vs R.A.F. "G" at Kai Tak at 4 p.m.; University "G" at 4 p.m.; H.K.I.C. "G" vs Demons at Stockport at 4 p.m.; Dutch H.C. "H" vs Kitchens at 4 p.m.; Navy Bharat "H" vs Kitchens at 4 p.m.

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Men's Sixth Division

R.N. "I" vs R.A.F. "I" at Kai Tak at 4 p.m.; University "I" at 4 p.m.; H.K.I.C. "I" vs Demons at Stockport at 4 p.m.; Dutch H.C. "J" vs Kitchens at 4 p.m.; Navy Bharat "J" vs Kitchens at 4 p.m.

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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND
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Ordinary Yearly General
Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 16th day of March, 1956, at Noon for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1955, and for the election of Directors and fixing their remuneration and the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March to Friday, the 16th of March, 1956, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.
Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixty-Third Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held on Thursday, the 15th day of March, 1956, at 11 a.m. at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, for the transaction of the business of an Ordinary General Meeting including the following:

- (1) To receive and consider the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors, and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 1955, and the Balance Sheet as at that date.
- (2) To approve the Dividend.
- (3) To elect Directors.
- (4) To appoint Auditors.

The Register of Members will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March, to Thursday, the 15th of March, 1956, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. H. FELL,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 10th Feb., 1956.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"PELEUS"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Paulsen & Sons, Ltd. at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. on February 20 and 21, 1956, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE
Agents,
Hongkong, February 17, 1956.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Company's Registered Office, P. & O. Building, 4th Floor, Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon of the 15th day of March 1956 (or as soon thereafter as the business of the Sixty-third Annual General Meeting of the Company shall be concluded) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as a Special Resolution:

"That the authorised Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$60,000,000 divided into 6,000,000 shares of \$10 each to \$100,000,000 by the creation of 5,000,000 additional shares of \$10 each."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

1. "That it is desirable to capitalise a sum of \$5,000,000 being part of the General Reserve Account and that accordingly a special capital bonus of \$5,000,000 free of income tax be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 15th day of March 1956 are holders of the 3,500,000 fully paid-up issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 500,000 new shares of the Company of \$10 each, and that such 500,000 new shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of one such new share for every complete seven of the said issued shares then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so allotted shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the Company held by each shareholder and not as income, and further that such new shares shall as from the 1st day of July 1956 rank for dividend and in all other respects PARI PASSU with the already issued shares.

"If any member would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors in lieu of issuing fractional share certificates will cause the whole share to be issued to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed among the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

2. "That in accordance with Article 11 of the Articles of Association of the Company there shall be offered to members who on the 15th day of March 1956 are the registered holders of the 3,500,000 fully paid-up issued shares of the Company 1,000,000 shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$10 each at par (such nominal value being payable in full upon application on or before the 1st day of July 1956) so that each member of the Company or his approved nominee shall be entitled to apply for and take up two new shares for every complete issued seven shares then held by such member. The shares so offered shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of July 1956 and in all other respects PARI PASSU with the already issued shares."

"If under the terms of the offer any member would be entitled to a fractional share, the Directors, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, will cause the whole share to be issued to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the net proceeds distributed among the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

"The Directors will dispose of any shares offered to members in the event of non-payment therefor by members or their approved nominees on or before the 1st day of July 1956 at such time or times in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as they may decide."

It is most important that any persons who have purchased shares in the Company but are not on the Register in respect thereof should, if they wish to take advantage of the offer, present their transfers for registration accompanied by the requisite share certificates on or before the 1st day of March 1956.

The offer will be made by notice sent by post to each shareholder specifying the number of shares to which each shareholder is entitled and such offer, if not accepted either on behalf of such member or his nominee on or before the 1st day of July 1956 will be deemed to be declined.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Register of Members will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March, to Thursday, the 15th of March, 1956, both days inclusive.

Dated Hong Kong, this 17th day of February 1956.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. FELL,
Secretary.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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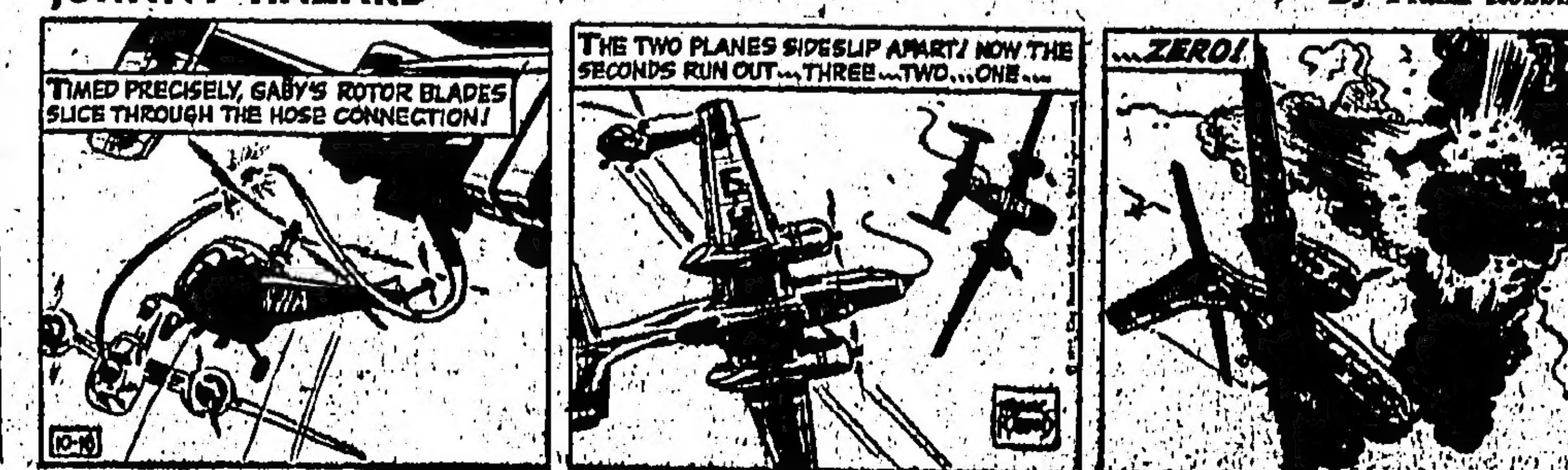
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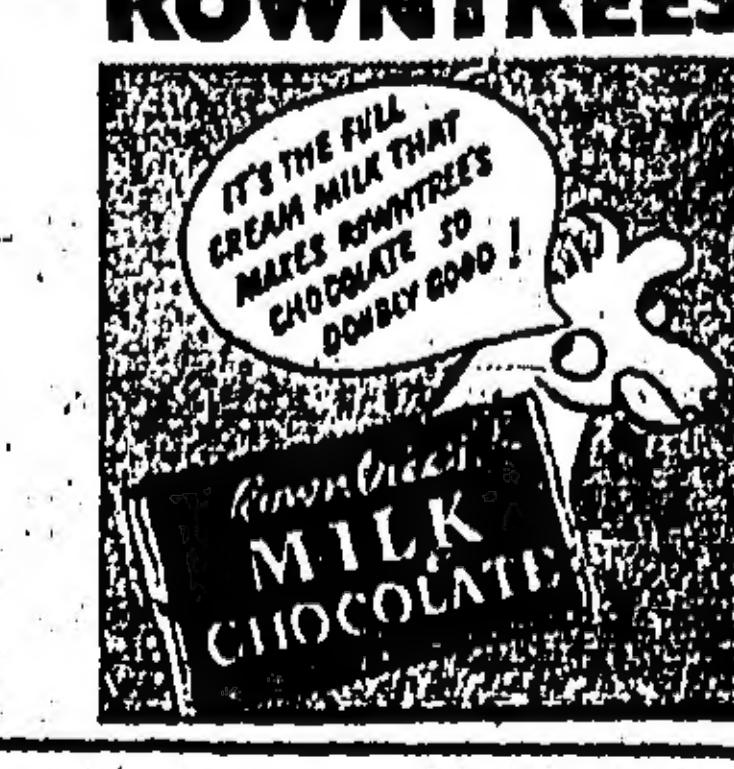
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Large Aquamarine Spotlights Brazilian Industry

By Haig Nicholson

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 16.

News of the discovery of what is claimed to be the biggest aquamarine in the world in Brazil recently attracted new attention to the country's prosperous, coloured gemstone industry.

The aquamarine weighed 61 kilograms (over 134 lbs), but experts like Hans Stern who, at the age of 16, left Hitler's Germany for Brazil, and now, at 33, is probably the biggest coloured gemstone dealer in the world, asserted that its importance lay rather in its size than in its quality.

"It is of inferior quality and has faults," Mr. Stern declared, "and when broken up and cut is not likely to prove very valuable. It is certainly not in the same class as the Martha Rocha aquamarine."

Two Partners

Coloured gemstone dealers in Brazil will long remember the Martha Rocha and Mr. Stern of the Egyptian Tourist Administration. Mr. Murad is pictured standing in front of the entrance, while visitors throng the inside of the office. — Express Photo.

US Tanks For Saudi Arabia

Washington, Feb. 16. The United States is to deliver 18 light Walter Bulldog tanks to Saudi Arabia, the State Department announced today.

A State Department spokesman said the 18 tanks had been loaned on board the freighter James Monroe, which is due to

arrive with the rest of the 18 tanks.

The main mining centre for

Brazilian coloured gem stones

is the state of Minas Gerais (said to produce the Serra Geral, adjoining the State of Rio Janeiro, Minas Gerais provides about 80 per cent. of all the gem stones found in the country. Other mining centres are in the State of Bahia north of Minas Gerais, and in the state of Rio Grande do Sul in the deep south.

Figures relating to the gemstone industry are difficult to get, but it is estimated that at the peak period each year upwards of 10,000 men are engaged in prospecting.

Talisman

A small number prospect all the year round but the bulk are part-time farmers and part-time miners. They work on the land during the harvest season then turn to digging for gemstones when there is little or no work on the farms.

Compared with mining methods say, in South Africa, those in Brazil are somewhat primitive. Prospectors work with picks and shovels sometimes burrowing as deep as 300 feet into the side of a hill. But they produce diamonds, about 99 per cent. of the world's emeralds and other gemstones, including the topaz, amethyst and tourmaline. The stones found range in weight from 20 grammes to 150 grammes.

The aquamarine, regarded by the Greeks and Romans as a talisman for ocean travellers, prised in the Middle Ages as a remover of marriages, and said when taken powdered in water to have been a cure for laziness, is now, in the opinion of Mr. Stern, gradually increasing demand and fashion.

"Diamonds," said Mr. Stern "are the most publicised jewel. Every woman wants diamonds. If the demand for aquamarines was as great as for diamonds the price of the highest quality aquamarines might rise to as much 100 times the price of diamonds. The explanation is that while there are many high quality diamonds comparatively few high quality aquamarines are found."

The popularity of the topaz, birthstone for November, symbol of friendship and possessed of the legendary power of preventing bad dreams and dispelling worry, moves in cycles. It is not in demand at present.

Wholesale Exports

The amethyst, which legend says protected the wearer from the evil of strong drink, is still popular with elderly people.

The topaz will never be a diamond-like gem because comparatively few are found.

It is estimated that about 75 per cent. of Brazil's production of coloured gemstones leave the country as wholesale exports mainly for the United States and Europe. Germany with its gem cutting centre at Idar Oberstein, is an important customer.

The remainder of the stones are sold in the form of necklaces, pendants, ear-rings, rings and bracelets to Brazilians and tourists from all over the world.

Competition is so keen among dealers that it is impossible to

curably to assess the gemstone industry's annual turnover, but it certainly runs into millions of pounds.

The greatest success story of the Brazilian gemstone industry is the story of Mr. Stern himself.

From the age of 10, he started collecting mineral specimens in Brazil and it was not surprising that when he arrived in Brazil from Essen, in the Rhineland, just before the start of World War II, he should enter the gemstone industry.

He studied every aspect of the industry for six years and then started business on his own, at a desk in a rented room.

Hard Work

Today, eleven years later, he has travelled all over the world in search of knowledge and stones and has built up a business with worldwide ramifications.

From an intricate filing system, he can tell the history of every stone which has passed through his hands.

He has made six key employees directors of his firm, in which he holds all the shares, and he has his own staff social welfare scheme.

He attributes his undoubted success to "hard work and luck."

He is not married. "I have never found time for that," he says. — China Mail Special.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

By Air

Formosa, 9 p.m.; Canada, 6 p.m.; Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, 5 p.m.; Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.; Japan, 6 p.m.; Philippines, 6 p.m.; Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 6 p.m.; By Surface

Formosa, 3 p.m.; U.S.A., Central & South America, 4 p.m.; Mexico, 5 p.m.; Brazil, 5 p.m.; Argentina, 6 p.m.; Chile, 6 p.m.; Peru, 6 p.m.; Venezuela, 6 p.m.; Uruguay, 6 p.m.; Paraguay, 6 p.m.; Bolivia, 6 p.m.; Ecuador, 6 p.m.; Argentina, 6 p.m.; Chile, 6 p.m.; Peru, 6 p.m.; Venezuela, 6 p.m.; Uruguay, 6 p.m.; Paraguay, 6 p.m.; Bolivia, 6 p.m.; Ecuador, 6 p.m.; Argentina, 6 p.m.; Chile, 6 p.m.; Peru, 6 p.m

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

'BLUE CHIPS' SET THE PACE

NEW GAINS RECORDED

\$5.48m TURNOVER IN HOLIDAY WEEK

By A Special Correspondent

The share market quickly jumped into its stride after the Chinese New Year holidays and, after a half-day of hesitancy, tacked on new gains to carry shares to the highest level of the year.

One share, HK Electric passed last year's peak price of \$16.

The turnover was \$5,480,000 in two and a half days' trading. Last week it was \$6.56 million. Yesterday's volume of \$2,770,000 was the highest recorded this year.

Under the lead of 'Blue Chips', a wide range of shares rose under heavy buying pressure. Two dividend announcements added interest and helped demand, which had been rather muted out—so it had. But it has been revived again this week. More than 21,000 partly paid shares changed hands yesterday at prices between \$19 and \$18.80. They closed the week 40 cents up on last Thursday's rate.

Yamatai, a listed cement announced an unchanged distribution of a total of \$4, made of up of \$2.50 dividend and \$1.50 bonus which was as expected. In U.S., the company paid \$4 or \$60,000 thirteen-thousandths of cents as no 600,000 because the company made a one for two bonus in the last year. The distribution alone will take up \$3.6 million of their reported \$3 million profit. Last year dividend absorbed \$2.4 million.

Yamatai shares sold at \$38.80 and \$39.50 which is 50 cents higher on the week. So much for the cement company and their balance sheet if revealed.

Electric Issue

The other company to announce a dividend (and an issue) was Hongkong Electric. Its final dividend goes up by five cents from \$1.55 to \$1.60. With an interim of 70 cents paid last September, their total is \$2.30 for the year, or five cents better than last year's.

The company is also making a new issue of 1,500,000 shares in the proportion of three (one bonus and two at par of \$10.) for seven.

This will raise issued capital from \$36 million to \$50 million. The new capital, \$10 million of which is expected will come from the public, is needed for development work, I understand.

It will be recalled that in August last year, the company announced it had awarded the contract for the construction of its new generating station at North Point to English Electric. The value of the initial contract was \$29 million.

Dividend Hope

More than 15,000 electric shares changed hands during the day at prices varying between \$35 and \$40. Market opinion is that they're hardly worth the latter price, but the former is more attractive.

The company discloses that when the shares are issued it is expected the dividend will be approximately \$1.80 a share a year, provided there are no fluctuations in the price of fuel.

At \$45 their ex all price will be \$32.40. If the company pays \$1.80 next year the shares will be yielding about 5.6 per cent, but if the distribution is, say, \$1.60, then the yield will be only about five per cent.

At \$40, the ex all price will be \$33.10. On a \$1.80 dividend they will yield about 5.4 per cent, but on \$1.60 they will yield about 4.8 per cent.

Reducing Reserve

New York Sugar Market

New York, Feb. 16. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 2 points higher with sales or 82 contracts.

The domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 121 contracts.

The improved undertone first apparent last week, continued to broaden today in line with the firmer ruling of the raw market.

Evening up in the domestic March contract before the position expires tomorrow provided another trading feature.

Contract No. 4 (world) March 32.30
May 32.30
July 33.30
Sept. 33.30
Oct. 32.30
March (cents per lb.) 100
Cuba 32.30
Contract No. 6 March 32.30
May 32.30
July 32.30
Sept. 32.30
Oct. 32.30
March (cents per lb.) 100
United Press

I said last week that the China Light speculation had

* The Share Market At A Glance *

	Jan 10	Jan 26	Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	Up or down
HK Bank	1705	1750	1750	1750	1800	+\$25 steady
Lombard	57b	57	56b	56b	56b	+5 steady
Underwriters	905	905	900b	1005b	1010	+55
Union Wheat	9.40n	9.40n	9.40n	9.20m	9.10b	-10 steady
Wheeler	24n	24b	241/2b	25.10b	25.10b	+25 steady
HK Wharf	8.40	8.40	8.05	8.00	8.85	-5c
HK Dock	331/2	223/2	33b	331/2	331/2	+250 steady
Provident	15.10b	15.20b	15.20b	15.1/2	15.1/2	+10c steady
HK Hotels	17.30	17.20b	17.40	18.10	18	-10c
HK Land	621/2	62	63	64	64	steady
Humphreys	20b	19.70n	19.70n	20s	19.75m	steady
HK Realty	1.975	1.975n	2.05	1.60bxa	1.025	+21/2c
HK Trains	24.30	24.40	25	25.10	25.50	+40c
Star Ferry	135	133b	140b	143	144	+\$1
Yamatai	106	103b	105	106	108	+\$2 steady
Ch Lights (n)	22.30	22.30	23	22.70	22.70	steady
Ch Lights (n)	16.70	16.40	16.40	18.40	18.80	+40c
Electric	421/2	431/2	431/2	441/2	45	+50c
HK Telephone	33	331/2	331/2	341/2	341/2	+50c
G.L. Cement	363/4	363/4	377/4	381/2	381/2	+50c
Dairy Farm	18.00	18.70	18.40	18.60	18	-60c
A.S. Watson	13.30	13.10	12.80	12.75m	12.70	-5c
Lane Crawford	351/2	3431/2	351/2b	351/2	36b	+50c
Yangtze	6.65	6.65b	6.60b	6.90b	7	+10c
Allied	5.45b	5.60b	5.60b	5.50	6.00n	steady
HK & FL Inv.	11.00	11.50	11.50	11.40b	11.40b	-10c
Textile Corp	51/2b	51/2b	5.00	5.00b	5.50	+10c
Nanyang	7.90s	7.80s	7.80s	7.00b	7.75b	+15c

NY COTTON FUTURES SHOW GAIN

New York, Feb. 16. Cotton futures today sawed over a moderate range but managed to show a gain.

At the close the list ruled off 1 to up 11 points. Opening prices were off 5 to up 1 point. New Orleans closed off 3 to up 12 points.

Traders operated cautiously in face of farm legislation uncertainties and evening-up in the March delivery before first notice day on Thursday.

Diminished activity in textile markets, plus a heavier rate of repossession out of the government loan stocks and hedge selling acted to handicap new market interest traders felt.

Chrysler fell back 3 to \$72 1/2 in the motors, and General Motors dipped 1/2 to \$43 1/2.

Rails were very narrow moving.

The easiness apparent in the list today was a continuation of profit-taking which paired yesterday's sharp early gains. There still is considerable wariness in financial quarters and commentators generally look for continued irregular and highly selective activity in the market.

New York Stocks Back Into Narrow Pattern

New York, Feb. 16.

Stocks slipped back into a narrow, irregular price pattern and quiet trading today after yesterday's sharp run-up on the optimistic Eisenhower medical report.

Long Bell Lumber, strong in recent sessions in reflection of merger possibilities with International Paper climbed another 2 1/2 points to \$56.

In oils, Continental added 15% to \$98 1/2 and high-priced Superior Oil of California rose 10 to \$1,080, but Standard, N.J. fell a point to \$151 1/4.

Chrysler fell back 3 to \$72 1/2 in the motors, and General Motors dipped 1/2 to \$43 1/2.

Int'l Tel & Tel & Tel Co. fell 1/2 to \$11 1/2.

John Manville, Co. fell 1/2 to \$10 1/2.

Kennecott Copper fell 1/2 to \$22 1/2.

Lockheed Aircraft fell 1/2 to \$47 1/2.

Lewis, Incorp. fell 1/2 to \$21 1/2.

Long Star Cinema Co. fell 1/2 to \$20 1/2.

Messiah Iron Corp. fell 1/2 to \$44 1/2.

Minneapolis Mining rose 10 to \$1,014.

Montgomery Ward fell 1/2 to \$30 1/2.

National Cash Reg. fell 1/2 to \$33 1/2.

National Lead fell 1/2 to \$70 1/2.

New York Central fell 1/2 to \$62 1/2.

Oiltel Elevator fell 1/2 to \$12 1/2.

Pacific Gas & Elec. fell 1/2 to \$60 1/2.

Pan American Airways fell 1/2 to \$17 1/2.

Paramount Pictures fell 1/2 to \$35 1/2.

Park Davis Co. fell 1/2 to \$43 1/2.

Parke, Davis & Co. fell 1/2 to \$40 1/2.

Perma Plate Glass fell 1/2 to \$70 1/2.

Radio Corporation fell 1/2 to \$42 1/2.

Reynolds Metal fell 1/2 to \$44 1/2.

Standard Oil of Cal. fell 1/2 to \$52 1/2.

Standard Oil of Ind. fell 1/2 to \$51 1/2.

Sterling Drug Co. fell 1/2 to \$50 1/2.

Saint Reg. Paper fell 1/2 to \$47 1/2.

Sinclair Oil fell 1/2 to \$57 1/2.

Southern Vacuum fell 1/2 to \$68 1/2.

Sperry Gyroscope fell 1/2 to \$40 1/2.

Standard Oil Co. fell 1/2 to \$50 1/2.

Standard Brands fell 1/2 to \$41 1/2.

Standard Oil Co. fell 1/2 to \$52 1/2.

Standard Oil of Ind. fell 1/2 to \$51 1/2.

Standard Oil of N.J. fell 1/2 to \$50 1/2.

Standard Oil of Pa. fell 1/2 to \$51 1/2.

Studebaker-Packard Corp. fell 1/2 to \$48 1/2.

Swift & Co. fell 1/2 to \$46 1/2.

Texaco Co. fell 1/2 to \$50 1/2.

Thermal Equipment Co. fell 1/2 to \$40 1/2.

United Pacific Railway fell 1/2 to \$73 1/2.

United Aircraft fell 1/2 to \$67 1/2.

U.S. Gypsum fell 1/2 to \$53 1/2.

U.S. Rubber fell 1/2 to \$53 1/2.

U.S. Smelting fell 1/2 to \$51 1/2.

V.G.S. Steel fell 1/2 to \$53 1/2.

Westinghouse Electric fell 1/2 to \$67 1/2.

Eric Railroad fell 1/2 to \$47 1/2.

Woolworth fell 1/2 to \$67 1/2.

TODAY'S SHARE PRICES

Business done on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$1,360,000. Non quotations and the morning's transactions.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1956.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

At The Theatre

MANY nights at the theatre, as the house lights went out and the chattering gave place to the crackle of chocolate-wrappings, the curtain had risen upon a drama of crime and detection.

Now, it was mid-morning. The curtain was down. In the silent theatre, actors and actresses were at home and abed, or busy at film studies, duvet-sheets covered the seats in stalls, pit and circles—and a minor drama was about to begin.

There were two in the all-male cast of it; one stood in the wings awaiting his cue. The other was busy about the feebly plot which was of his own devising.

ENTRANCES

HIS name was Arthur and his stage was a seat in the stalls. There, as he stooped, an occasional chinkling sound told how busy his nimble fingers were. He was opening the containers that held the six-pences audiences paid for the use of opera-glasses. It was none of his business to be doing so. Arthur was robbing the management of the theatre, who employed him as a cleaner.

As he opened one container, and the copper-nickel stream of sixpences fell into his cupped hand, the other actor in the drama took his cue. The house-manager moved from behind a curtain where he had been hidden. "What d'you think you're doing?" he asked Arthur.

ATTEMPTED EXIT

"Eh ... oh, hullo, boss," said Arthur, and tried to laugh it off. "Caught in the act eh? I was trying to get a bit of snooze as a matter of fact. Up late last night, and ... His act failed off before the other's unbelieveable. He tried to bolt, but was stopped. The police were called. Arthur was searched. He had on him £1 17s. in sixpences, and a key that would open the containers. "I found that key, honest. In the theatre," Arthur said. He is a short man, 40 years old, who wears spectacles with thin horn rims, and a ribbon of dark moustache.

At the Clerkenwell court, he pleaded guilty to stealing the £1 17s.

FLASHBACK

"He asks," said a policeman to Mr Frank Powell, the magistrate, "that six other offences should be taken into consideration. He says he has been taking about £2 a week for the last six weeks."

"Is anything known about him?" the magistrate asked.

"There's one previous conviction, sir. He was bound over in 1940, for larceny. He's a married man, and has a son aged 18 who is in the Armed Forces, and a daughter of 10. His pay at the theatre was £9 5s. a week, and they say he was a very good worker. During the war he was exempt from national service and worked for a shipbuilder. His pay then was £20-£27 a week."

Ike Will Run'

Washington, Feb. 16. A poll of 25 Mayors attending a Washington conference showed today that they overwhelmingly believe that President Eisenhower would run for a second term and will win. United Press.

68 Die Of Cold

Rome, Feb. 16. The death toll of the cold wave in Italy rose to 68 today after 15 more people died in the last two days from the extreme cold and the ice and snow. —France Presse.

UC SECRETARY

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr R. W. Prinrose to be Secretary to the Urban Council, vice Mr J. W. Ferris. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

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CRIMINAL SESSIONS

The February Criminal Sessions opened at the Supreme Court this morning when five accused, including a woman, appeared before Mr Justice J. Reynolds.

Two of the cases, involving three men, concerned the capital charge of using arms against a person without lawful authority. The first case under that charge was that of Luk Kwan, 32, who will be defended by Mr Richard Winter, instructed by Mr F. Zimmerman. No plea was taken; his trial was adjourned for a date to be fixed.

A second case against Luk in which he faces charges of wounding with intent to murder and shooting with intent (alternative) was adjourned to the next sessions. Not being capital charges, Luk was not legally represented in this instance.

TRIAL ADJOURNED

The two other men facing a capital charge of using arms were Chan Chuen, alias Peckmarked Chuen, and Ip Tung, alias Chung Hung. They will be represented by Mr Hung-luk Hu, instructed by Russ and Co.

Trials on the capital charge was adjourned for a date to be fixed and their case on two other charges of assault with intent to rob and possession of arm (against Chan only) were adjourned to next sessions.

The only woman among the accused was Au Yung Lau-mei, 24, who denied a charge of arson, but pleaded guilty to one of attempted suicide. Her case was also remanded.

A Special Jury was ordered for the trial of Li Nung, 27, charged with murder. He will be defended by Mr John Clifford (instructed by M. A. da Silva). His case was adjourned from the last sessions to February 27 because his Counsel had to leave for England.

Government Appointments

The following Government appointments were announced in the Government Gazette today.

Miss D. Pattison to be Senior Nursing Sister; Dr K. H. Black to be Acting Chief Port Health Officer, during the absence of Dr G. B. Smart; Mr J. Miller to be Acting Divisional Officer, Fire Brigades; Misses F. M. Barnes and P. M. Archer to be Mistresses, Education Department.

Mr R. Woodward, Senior Surveyor of Ships, has resumed his duties on returning from leave, vice Mr R. W. Coleman.

Miss M. L. Everett, Principal Matron, has resumed her duties, vice Miss H. C. Fletcher.

It was also announced that Miss K. Marley ceased to act as Matron, Class I, while Miss C. V. Leadbeater has ceased to act as Matron, Class II.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

0.15 Radio Signal and Programme Summary; 5.15 Stock Market Report; 6.00 Programme for Children presented by Valerie (Studio); 6.30, popularity Poll presented by Ted Johnson; 6.45, Weather Report; 7.15, Time Signal and the News (London); 7.30, African Broadcast of the Children's Playground Association by Mr L. G. Young (Recorded); 7.15, Festival Review—A Discussion with Janet (Chairman); 7.45, Half Hour presented by Robert Atherton (Studio); 8.15, The Royal Tour of Nigeria; Her Majesty the Queen arrives at London Airport; 8.30, Children's Broadcast by Richard Dimbleby (Recorded London Relay); 8.45, An American News Letter (London Relay); 9.15, Signature Studio Love Songs; Classical Requests presented by Alleen Dekker (Studio); 10, Continental Cabaret presented by Bobbi Booban (Studio); 10.30, Virtuous, Carol; 10.45, Songs from the Shows; Harold Coates with his Soloists (vocal) Orchestra; 10.55, Weather Report; 11.15, Radio News (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Call the Audience.

3.15 Musical Matinee; 3.30, Sit-up Up the Band; 3.45, Bleak House—by Dickens; 4, Tea for Two; 4.30, Summer Heat; 4.45, Donster on Dumetrist's Children's Corner—Alice's Adventures in Wonderland; 5, The White Rabbit and the Little Red Hen; Friday Requests—Presented by Betty; 6.15, Birthday Ballad; 6.15, The Story of the Three Bears; 7, Time Signal and the News; Final Year; 7, Time Signal and the News; 7.00, Appeal on Behalf of the Children's Playground Association; 7.15, A Discussion with Janet Tomlin (Chairman); 7.45, Weather Report; 7.45, Track and Field Personality; 8, Parade of Stars; 8.15, Parade Up—A Special Programme to Commemorate the Centenary of the Pioneering Missions to Seamen; 8.45, Fiesta Time; 9, Symphony Hall—"Le Cid"; Ballet Suite (Massenet); "Symphony No. 1"; Rodeo Overture; Dr Morton L. Harrison; 10.15, Magic and Moonlight; 10.30, David Crockett Epilode 2; 11.30, Matilda Bertha Elevation; 11.30, Data with Dreamland; 11.30, Prelude to Mid-night; 11.30, Good Save the Queen; Close Down.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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A Very Pleasing Mozart Concert

The all-Mozart chamber concert given by the Sino-British Club Chamber Music Group at Queen Elizabeth School last night was a considerable undertaking. Many difficulties had beset the organisers; the date had to be altered, illness almost prevented one artist from appearing, and a major work had to be cancelled and substituted by another. However, the large audience was a tribute to the success of the occasion. The acoustics of this fine hall are not quite so good for this type of music as in the Grantham College Hall, but if the audiences are to continue so large (as we hope), the larger hall may continue to be

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The McCosh-Franklin Breach Of Promise Action

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At this morning's hearing of the breach of promise suit brought by Miss Gloria Elizabeth Franklin against Cpl David McCosh, Defence Counsel announced that McCosh now wished to marry the plaintiff.

Miss Franklin, 17-year-old daughter of a Chief Petty Officer in the Royal Navy, claims that Cpl McCosh, of Command Workshop REME, is the father of her newborn baby, Alan John, and that he had twice promised to marry her early last year but had not kept his word.

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Retirements And Promotions

H.E. the Governor has permitted the following officers to retire from the Royal Hongkong Defence Force on attaining the normal age of retirement. It was announced in the Government Gazette today: Lt K. J. Attwell, Major J. A. C. Hurlburt, Capt. G. Halligan.

It was also announced that the Commandant of the RHKDF has posted Lt R. J. McMullan, Hongkong Regiment, to the RHKDF Reserve of Officers.

The following promotions in the Hongkong Regiment were announced: Lieutenants W. Darkin, G. L. Dickson, D. A. F. Mathers, G. H. P. Pritchard, A. T. Tremery, the Hon. D. C. Geddes, D. Hunt (Force HQ), and A. P. Pereira (Hongkong Regiment), to be Captains.

THE GROUNDS

The grounds of the appeal against conviction were that the Magistrate's decision was wrong in fact and against the weight of evidence; that the Magistrate failed to give proper weight to the medical evidence to the effect that appellant was sufficiently sober as to be capable of making a promise of marriage on May 11. Mr Wright said that this first breach did not last long—at the outset, it was a matter of four days; as McCormish had again made a promise of marriage on May 11. He said that he must stress that the damage caused by that first breach of promise was very negligible and nominal.

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Coming to the second phase of events—the second promise of marriage, made on May 11, Mr Wright asked whether this could be regarded as a fresh promise, a separate incident or the renewal of the first one. The statement of claim alleged that McCormish failed to marry Miss Franklin within a "reasonable time."

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